

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN
FROM : SZ/DAD
SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report for May 1970

DATE: 08 June 1970

REF. No. SZDAD/70/055

GENERAL

Significant hostile activity was limited to one incident on the evening of 20 May. Four 140mm rockets impacted due west of the company ramp between the taxiway and runway 35R. Although several pounds of shrapnel were found scattered around the ramp, only one aircraft was hit. This damage was minor, consisting of a small skin puncture in the upper fuselage.

Four Southern Air Transport flights were handled during the month. All were apparently substitute service flights for the World Airways Stars and Stripes schedule. The first of these aircraft arrived shortly before midnight due to the necessity of pre-positioning crews, but the remainder created no problems since they arrived between 10:00 and 12:00 hours in the morning.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

An arrangement has been made thru local CORDS channels to billet flight crews in their transient quarters when the company hostel is full. Since this situation usually arises when an additional aircraft RONs at Danang for CORDS, no reimbursement type difficulties were encountered.

LEGAL

The lease was renewed on the Old Hostel but complex problems developed regarding additional renewal options on the property. The landlord advised that he was no longer interested in granting any further options except at an exorbitant rent. He first demanded 800,000 piastres per year for the options, but finally came down to 600,000 piastres if paid two years in advance. To protect the company's planned renovation expenditures on this building, these terms were found agreeable.

FACILITIES

Hostel renovation plans have been finalized, and actual construction should commence in June. Significant improvements include the construction of interior walls to provide a total of thirteen separate bed rooms (including four in the adjacent SZ residence), additional airconditioning, and the installation of more shower and lavatory facilities.

Forms F were signed on two long outstanding station facilities improvements. Funding was provided for the completion of the entire area paving and drainage ditch and passenger terminal renovation projects. The next problem will be that of reaching an agreement with the local contractors to perform the work

on the basis of bids submitted one year, and six months ago, respectively. Since no long term agreement could be reached on the utilization of the CSD shipping and receiving warehouse for an improved passenger terminal area, the original concept will now be implemented.

FISCAL

[REDACTED] payroll for the month totaled: 899,463\$VN.

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 37,940\$VN.

OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time increased 38+37 hours as compared to the previous month. Scheduled Sunday flying has been further reduced by rescheduling a province, all day PC-6 requirement, to Saturday. Unless special requirements generate, the earliest Sunday departure is 10:00 hours and the latest arrival is 14:00 hours. All department personnel schedules have been revised to provide only one shift coverage on Sundays which permits fewer individual days off during the week.

The following is a breakdown of flight time generated by this station during May:

VN-70/AID	740+13
VN-70/Embassy	174+52
0069	6+26
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Total	921+31

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

Weather	1+40
Maintenance	Nil
Customer Cancellations..	10+30
Other	1+30
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Total	13+40

The hostel occupancy factor was 90.13%. During the month, 780 piastres were disbursed to provide hotel accommodations for flight crew personnel. Non-availability certificates for a total of 35 nights were issued to TCS ground personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS

Saigon reception of Danang HF signals was only marginal during the month. Additional frequencies were installed, but the problem still remained. The remote VHF/UHF unit on Monkey Mountain performed without major difficulty.

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Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1492 and 1665 respectively.

TRAFFIC

Overall Traffic workload remained fairly constant. Close supervision of transiting international flights has precluded any further problems with local customs officials. It was necessary to bump 1200 pounds of cargo from one international flight due to additional fuel requirements and this cargo was reloaded on a subsequent flight without any delay from customs.

Passenger and cargo statisticstics for the month of May are as follows:

	<u>PAX IN</u>	<u>PAX OUT</u>	<u>CARGO IN</u>	<u>CARGO OUT</u>
VN-7001/AID	2,783	2,631	235,986	319,085
VN-7002/EMB	364	695	1,430	5,660
0069	5	4	-	-
0030	19	25	-	-
AAM	97	110	8,087.7	16,224.2
Total	<hr/> 3,268	<hr/> 3,465	<hr/> 245,503.7	<hr/> 340,969.2

SECURITY

Several TCN air base passes expired during the month. It has been necessary to resort to obtaining temporary indorsements on Travel Orders to preclude problems with these personnel entering and departing the base. Renewed extension of stay receipts have been requested from Saigon so that permanent passes can be processed, but these have not been received as yet.

PERSONNEL

An updated listing extending the validity of residence permits for all TCN personnel until July was received from PM/SGN. No significant problems with local immigrations officials are anticipated until this list expires.

The personnel breakdown for Danang Station at the close of business, 31 May 1970, was as follows:

Permanent	3	17	13	68
Pre-Process	0	0	0	2
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily-Hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (103)	3	17	13	70

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total 590 arriving and 590 departing flights, as compared to 550 in each category in April. There were no delays which resulted in a revenue loss chargeable to maintenance. Number 1 services were performed on one PC-6 aircraft and five 204B aircraft, and two number 2 services on 204B aircraft were accomplished. One aircraft was placed on AGP status.

CM/DAD departed for an extended TCS assignment on 07 May. His duties were assumed by Crew Chief [REDACTED]

RGMD expended a total of 720 manhours of which 36 were utilized at the Old Hostel. Significant projects included painting the exterior of the Operations/Administration building and airconditioner maintenance.

The company account with the Danang Naval Support Activity will be terminated on 30 June. A similar account with the superceding Army Support Command will require an Inter-Service Support Agreement (ISSA). This agreement is being negotiated directly by Saigon since it is issued by USARV, Long-Binh. If the ISSA is obtained, it should be possible for ASD/SCN to open an account locally with the Army and thus eliminate the need for procuring the items carried thru Danang.

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